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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re : Application of Girard, et al.  
For : **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE BEAD MOLDING RING FOR A TIRE  
MOLD**  
Serial No. : 10/058,538  
Filed : January 28, 2002  
Group Art Unit : 1722  
Examiner : James P. Mackey  
Our Docket No. : DN2002014USA

December 31, 2003

By Facsimile 703-872-9306

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is an amendment in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 1, 2004.

Please amend the referenced Application as follows: